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SUBJ: YEVTUSHENKO LETTER ON SOLGENITZYN CASE

1. AS REPORTED BY WESTERN AND OTHER NEWS MEDIA, MILAN NEWSPAPER /IL GIORNO/ FEBRUARY 17 CARRIED TEXT OF WHAT PURPORTS TO BE LETTER FROM SOVIET POET YEVTUSHENKO TO HIS RUSSIAN "FRIENDS" FOLLOWING CANCELLATION OF YEVTUSHENKO READING IN CONTEXT OF SOLGENITZYN ARREST AND EXPULSION. CLAIMING AN EXCLUSIVE, /IL GIORNO/ STATES THAT LETTER WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED TO NEWS AGENCIES OR WESTERN REPORTERS.

2. OSTENSIBLE REASON FOR LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 16, IS EVIDENT YEVTUSHENKO WRATH OVER AUTHORITIES' DECISION TO CANCEL POETRY READING FOLLOWING HIS DESPATCH OF TELEGRAM TO BREZHNEV EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR FATE OF SOLGENITZYN AND EFFECT HIS CASE WOULD HAVE FOR PRESTIGE OF USSR. IN LETTER YEVTUSHENKO IN SOMEWHAT INJURED TONES STRESSES HOW HE ACTED ENTIRELY PROPERLY AND HAD NOT EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, THE UN OR WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS BUT IN A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION TO HIS COUNTRY'S LEADERSHIP. LATTER, ACCORDING TO LETTER, OFFICIAL IN SOVIET WRITER'S UNION CHARACTERIZED YEVTUSHENKO'S TELEGRAM AS CONTEMPTIBLE BALCKMAIL AND ACCUSE HIM MENACINGLY OF ADOPTING AMBIGUOUS POLITICAL STAND. LETTER ALSO STATES THAT YEVTUSHENKO AT VARIOUS TIMES HAD BEEN REQUESTED
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TO CRITICIZE SOLGENITZYN AND OTHER SOVIET WRITERS INCLUDING PASTERNAK BUT HAD REFUSED.

3. YEVTUSHENKO IN LETTER POINTED OUT THAT HE DISAGREED WITH MANY POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED BY SOLZHENITZYN IN GULUG ARCHIPELAGO PARTICULARLY THOSE CONCERNING VLASOV AND HAD SO STATED IN TELEGRAM TO BREZHNEV. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT ERRORS OF STALINIST PERIOD WERE WORSE THAN THOSE OF SOLGENITZYN.

4. TEXT OF YEVTUSHENKO LETTER BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSES.BEAUDRY

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